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SUBJ: ONE TO THE GROIN

1. QUEBEC MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, CLAUDE MORIN, IN ESPECIALLY ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, YESTERDAY ACCUSED FEDERAL MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, JEAN CHRETIEN, OF BEING FIRST TO REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH QUEBEC IN FOREIGN TRADE PROMOTION. MORIN'S REMARKS WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO CHRETIEN CHARGE, LEVELED IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN "LE DEVOIR" JULY 25, ACCUSING PQ MINISTERS OF MISSING COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES BY "TANGLING THEMSELVES IN ROPES OF QUEBEC FLAG," AND THEREBY NEGLECTING POTENTIALLY USEFUL COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL PROMOTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. IN VOICE FILLED WITH SCORN, MORIN TOLD ASSEMBLY CHRETIEN IS "LOST IN HAZE OF HIS OWN DREAMS." IN THINLY VEILED REFERENCE TO CHRETIEN'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INTEREST IN QUEBEC LEBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP, MORIN AMUSED HIS AUDIENCE BY ADVISING CHRETIEN'S "FUTURE COLLEAGUES IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY" THAT THEY SHOULD VERIFY CHRETIEN'S CAPACITIES, OTHER THAN THOSE AS A "MINOR POLITICAL HACK." (POLITICAILLEUR) MORIN ADDED THAT CHRETIEN

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WOULD MAKE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR TITLE OF "CHAMPION POLITICAL HACK," WHO SPECIALIZES IN "BIG NOISES." (DECLARATIONS FRACASSANTES)

3. COMMENT: MORIN, WHO RARELY MAKES PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT CAREFULLY CALCULATED, APPARENTLY SEES SCORN AS EFFECTIVE WEAPON AGAINST CHRETIEN. LATTER HAS REPUTATION AMONG FELLOW QUEBECOIS AS

INTELLECTUAL FEATHERWEIGHT. UNLESS HE CAN DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO
COUNTERPUNCH EFFECTIVELY IN THIS KIND OF ROUGH AND TUMBLE, ALTHOUGH
NOT NECESSARILY AT THE SAME LEVEL OF INVECTIVE AS MORIN, CHRETIEN'S
CANDIDACY FOR LIBERAL LEADERSHIP WILL NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN
QUEBEC. APPEARS TO ME THAT ONE OF PQ HEAVYWEIGHTS HAS DROPPED
GAUNTLET. CHRETIEN WILL NOW HAVE TO PICK IT UP OR RETIRE FROM ARENA.
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